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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address  
of Owner and Operator

Master \_\_\_\_\_:

On July 1, 2004, the provisions of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) will enter into force for certain passenger vessels, freight vessels, Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU's), and certain other types of vessels. At the same time, the owners or other companies responsible for the ship's operation will be required to have implemented a Security Plan on board their ships that have been certified by their flag administration or an organization authorized to act on their behalf. Evidence of compliance with the ISPS Code will be in the form of an International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) issued to the company responsible for the ship's operation certifying that the company's Security Plan has been properly implemented on board.

As your vessel possessed a valid ISSC, an ISPS Compliance Verification examination was conducted on xxxxxxxx xx, 2004. MSO \_\_\_\_\_ conducted a Port State Control (PSC) examination on your vessel that included an informational ISPS Compliance Verification examination. No enforcement actions will be taken at this time, but vessels able to demonstrate compliance will be less likely to experience compliance verification delays after July 1, 2004. It was found that your vessel does not currently comply with the provisions of the ISPS Code and MTSA.

Be advised, that if your vessel attempts to enter a U.S. port after July 1, 2004, without being in compliance with the ISPS code, it may be denied entry to this and all other U.S. ports, and/or other authorized control actions may be taken. If the vessel is found in port without being in compliance, it may be expelled from port until the U.S. Coast Guard receives evidence of compliance with the ISPS Code. In addition, civil penalty action may be initiated against the owner or operator of your vessel and your flag administration may be notified. You may also be targeted for increased verification exams and your flag administration will be notified due to the discovery of the aforementioned discrepancies with your security program.

Sincerely,

M.J. McCADDEN, LCDR, USCG  
COMMANDING OFFICER